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SUBJECT: CANADIAN TRADE STATISTICS FOR APRIL

1. ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BASIS, CANADIAN EXPORTS DECLINED 5 PERCENT IN APRIL TO C\$3,777 MILLION, WHEREAS CANADIAN IMPORTS ROSE 4 PERCENT TO C\$3,628 MILLION, BUT MERCHANDISE TRADE WAS IN SURPLUS BY C\$149 MILLION.

2. ON UNADJUSTED CUSTOMS BASIS, EXPORTS WERE C\$3,477 MILLION IN APRIL, WHILE IMPORTS WERE C\$3,528 MILLION, GIVING DEFICIT OF C\$51 MILLION. ON UNADJUSTED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BASIS, EXPORTS WERE C\$3,492 MILLION IN APRIL, AND EXPORTS WERE C\$3,482 MILLION.

3. SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED (CUSTOMS BASIS) EXPORTS TO U.S. ROSE SLIGHTLY IN APRIL TO C\$2,573 MILLION. SHIPMENTS OF METALLIC CONCENTRATES, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WERE HIGHER THAN IN PRECEDING MONTH, BUT EXPORTS OF AUTOMOTIVE GOODS AND FORESTRY PRODUCTS DECLINED. ON UNADJUSTED
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BASIS, EXPORTS TO U.S. WERE C\$2,562.5 MILLION, DOWN FROM C\$2,735.5 IN MARCH.

4. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (CUSTOMS BASIS) IMPORTS FROM U.S. ROSE 6.5 PERCENT IN APRIL TO C\$2,585 MILLION, WHICH WAS FIRST TIME IMPORTS EXCEEDED C\$2.5 BILLION IN SINGLE MONTH. HIGHER IMPORTS OF COAL, AUTOMOTIVE PARTS AND TRANSPORTA-

TION EQUIPMENT (OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES) PROVIDED MOST
OF INCREASE.

5. FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL COMPARISON OF CANADIAN TRADE
WITH PREVIOUS THREE-MONTH PERIOD SHOWS 15 PERCENT
INCREASE IN EXPORTS (BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED) TO C\$11,250 MILLION, WHILE IMPORTS INCREASED
9.5 PERCENT TO C\$10,485 MILLION. MERCHANDISE TRADE
SURPLUS FOR FEBRUARY TO APRIL PERIOD WAS C\$765 MILLION
COMPARED TO C\$221 MILLION IN MONTHS NOVEMBER TO JANUARY.
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